



# Foggy Bottom News

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## NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY JUNE 30  
8 PM  
St. Paul's Parish House  
2430 'K' Street, NW

ELECTION OF 1975-76  
WILL BE HELD

Guest speakers will be Mr. John Wilson, Ward 2 Councilman, and the Rev. Jerry Moore, Councilman at Large.

SLATE OF OFFICERS NOMINATED FOR THE FOGGY BOTTOM ASSN. FOR 1974-75:

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# Parking in Foggy Bottom UPDATE

During June the Foggy Bottom Association will be petitioning local residents for approval of a RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING PROGRAM. This is a program already approved by the City Council, by which Foggy Bottom Residents can prevent commuters from using our streets as an all-day parking lot.

Following are answers to questions that might be asked about the program:

**Q. HOW WILL THE POLICE DISTINGUISH FOGGY BOTTOM RESIDENTS AND COMMUTERS?**

A. The parking program is a "Sticker System". Residents of a neighborhood obtain stickers for their cars, and only residents of a neighborhood receive stickers for their neighborhood.

**Q. WHAT DOES THE STICKER DO?**

A. On a business day between 7 AM and 6:30 PM, only cars in the "Sticker System" may park over 2 hours on "Posted Streets". Since commuters can't get Foggy Bottom stickers, they won't be allowed to use our streets for day-long parking on business days.

**Q. WHAT IS A "POSTED STREET"?**

A. The D.C. Government will install signs identifying the streets which have unrestricted parking for the residents who have stickers.

**Q. HOW MANY RESIDENTS OF A NEIGHBORHOOD MUST PETITION THE D.C. CITY GOVERNMENT TO GET THE "STICKER SYSTEM"?**

A. A simple majority, i.e., more than half.

**Q. DOES A PETITION SIGNER HAVE TO OWN A CAR?**

A. No, only live in the Foggy Bottom area.

**Q. DOES THE FOGGY BOTTOM AREA QUALIFY FOR THE "STICKER SYSTEM"?**

A. Yes. The Department of Highways and Traffic has already done the necessary surveys. These show that more than the required number of commuters are already using the Foggy Bottom area as a free parking lot.

**Q. HOW MUCH WOULD THE STICKERS COST?**

A. The stickers would be about \$5.00 each.

**Q. HOW WILL THE \$5.00 BE SPENT?**

A. Signs, surveys, and general administrative overhead.

**Q. WHY AREN'T THE STICKERS FREE?**

A. Because, in order to get the necessary regulation passed by the D.C. City Council, the provision that the residents of a neighborhood would bear the "administrative costs" had to be included.

**Q. WHAT WILL THE "STICKER SYSTEM" DO ABOUT THE KENNEDY CENTER CARS IN THE EVENING?**

A. Unfortunately, nothing. The program at present only covers daytime parking.

**Q. WILL THE POLICE TAKE THE SYSTEM SERIOUSLY?**

A. The D.C. Police already take parking violations seriously, especially in this area. The Chief of Police will enforce the provisions of the Residential Permit Parking Program.

**Q. WHY WASN'T THIS DONE 10 YEARS AGO?**

A. One of the primary reasons the "Sticker System" can be approved now is that it will help cut down the mileage driven in the metro area—an environmental consideration.

**Q. ARE D.C. LICENSE TAGS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO GET A STICKER?**

A. Yes, you must have valid D.C. license tags, unless not legally required to have them.

**Q. WHAT ABOUT PEOPLE FROM OUT OF TOWN WHO ARE VISITING FOGGY BOTTOM RESIDENTS?**

A. A bona fide visitor can be issued a temporary parking permit for the area.

FOLLOWING IS BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING PROGRAM, PROVIDED BY MR. JOHN BROPHY, OF THE D.C. DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC.

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HAPPY JULY 4th...HAPPY LABOR DAY!

FB News will be on "vacation" for the months of July and August. Deadline for the next issue (September) is Tuesday, Sept. 2. Meanwhile—feel free to contact us before then if you have any questions, wish to join the Association, or want to advertise.

There are no regularly scheduled Foggy Bottom Association Meetings during July and August. Next meeting will be Monday, September 29. See the September issue of FB News for details.

## ANC ELECTION POSTPONED

A special committee, headed by Sterling Tucker, City Council Chairman, has recommended to the full Council that ANC elections be held February 3, 1976, instead of November 1975 at the time of the school board elections.

Tucker said that there are just not enough days available per Council Action, Congressional Approval, and Board of Elections time requirements.

It is expected that the full Council will approve the recommendation. The Council is expected to take action by the end of June on a bill introduced by Tucker last month to establish 37 ANCs composed of single-member districts of 2,000 people each around the city. The bill also would establish qualifications for candidates for the nonpartisan elections.

After the Council passes the bill it must remain with Congress for 30 legislative days. With the congressional recess planned for August, city officials expect that the congressional review period will not end until mid-September or early October.

Once the bill is enacted, 40 days are provided for people to collect the necessary signatures to establish an ANC in their area and for challenges to these signatures. The Council needs 10 days to create an ANC on the petition of the citizens.

Candidates from the single-member districts will have 14 days to collect 25 signatures on their nominating petitions and return them to the elections board for verification.

Advisory Neighborhood Councils were created by the city's home rule charter to give communities more voice in their government. They are to advise the mayor and City Council on governmental decisions affecting their areas.

The special election in February will cost the city an estimated \$281,000. The school board election in November will cost an estimated \$205,000. If both were held in November, the cost would be approximately \$383,000, according to the board of elections.



# LETTERS

Mr. Dick Palco, President  
The Foggy Bottom Association

Dear Dick:

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John N. Hrin  
Manager,  
Potomac Plaza Branch

Mr. Richard Palco  
2401 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dick:

Mrs. Bertha Johnson was kind enough to relay her handwritten comments on the front page of the last edition of the Foggy Bottom News regarding traffic conditions at the intersection of 25th and K Streets, N.W.

As you may have noted, we recently updated the traffic signals at this location in a very significant way but, like you, I was extremely concerned to learn of the hit and run fatal accident which occurred in the early hours of the morning at this location a number of weeks ago.

It appears, based on police reports that it was indeed a hit-run incident and that the pedestrian had been drinking. Nevertheless, all accidents of this nature are of extreme concern to officials of this Department—as I know it is to pleasant and satisfying experience.

In regard to Mrs. Johnson's suggestion that a walkway be placed either under or over the street, I am pleased to report that we have investigated such a proposal. Our study revealed that it would probably not be feasible to construct one under the street because of the security situation (as evidenced by the lack of use of the one at 26th Street). On the other hand, our designers have conducted preliminary investigations into the feasibility of a pedestrian overpass. Unfortunately, because of the lack of right-of-way at this location, the walkway would have at both its north and south terminus a very steep spiral stairway that might make it not only difficult but perhaps unattractive for pedestrians to use. However, we are continuing to investigate this approach.

In the meantime, our records indicate that the upgrading of the signal together with the strobe lights that were installed a number of months ago, has resulted in a significant decrease in accidents at this location and, based on comments from both motorists and residents of the area, we are gratified with the work carried out thus far.

Naturally, we are always looking for ways to make our streets safer. For this reason, we appreciate Mrs. Johnson's suggestion and also the fact that you took time to relay her thoughts to us.

Please do not hesitate to contact us whenever we can be of further assistance on any traffic matter.

Cordially yours,  
JOHN E. HARTLEY  
Assistant Director

Happy Summer


## FBA WEIGHS ANCHOR

Everyone had a fine time on our Foggy Bottom Association charter boat cruise on Friday, June 6, and we were glad that Mr. Jack Hartley, of the D.C. Department of Highways and Traffic, and Mrs. Hartley could join us.

The trip down the Potomac started at 8 PM and ended at 11 PM. The boat, chartered from the Wilson Line, had an open upper deck, where the fresh air was thoroughly enjoyed, and an enclosed lower deck, which provided lots of space for dancing. Our only complaint was that the cruise was too short. We are ready to "go about" and do it all over again!

Thanks to Dennis Williams for making the arrangements, and for seeing to it that—once again—an outdoor FBA event was not rained on!

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## MAY MEETING

Our call for help was answered at the Foggy Bottom Association's May 27th meeting. HELP—in the form of Officer Corbin Weeks, Second District, who talked about the Metropolitan Police Department's "Operation Identification" (a voluntary anti-burglary program in which citizens have their Social Security number engraved on their valuables) and "Burglary Prevention" (specially trained police officers survey a dwelling or establishment on request and indicate security deficiencies.) If you missed the meeting but would like more information on either of these programs call Commun-

ity Relations at 626-2947.

HELP—in solving parking problems—was generously given by John Hartley, Assistant Director, Department of Highways and Traffic, assisted by John Brophy, Chief of the Parking Branch (see important details of their talk elsewhere in this issue). Both men had been literally tied up for hours, in a traffic mess at Dupont Circle, caused by an electric outage, but they managed to keep their date with us. We appreciate their dedication to the Association.

HELP to elect officers for the coming year. Ballots will be distributed, and elections held at the June 30 meeting.

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. If you haven't been happy with the way the Association operates (or even if you have) please come to the meeting and vote.

We welcome the *Washington Circle Advocate* to the area, and appreciate an additional local newspaper, which can only be to the good...There has, however, been some confusion as to the *Advocate's* relationship to the Foggy Bottom Association. The *Advocate* is not a publication of the Foggy Bottom Association, and the official newspaper of the Association remains the *Foggy Bottom News*.



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There is a federal law (The Fair Credit Reporting Act) that protects consumers against the circulation of obsolete or inaccurate information and insures that consumer reporting agencies carry out their responsibilities in a manner that is fair and equitable to consumers.

If you have been denied credit, insurance, or employment, or if you believe you have had difficulties because of a consumer report on you, here are some steps you can take:

8. If a dispute develops between the reporting agency and you over your file, you have the right to have your version of such dispute placed in the file and included in future consumer reports.

9. You may request the reporting agency to send your version of the dispute to certain businesses for a reasonable fee.

10. To have a consumer report withheld from anyone who under law does not have a legitimate business need for the information.

11. To sue a reporting agency for damages if it willfully or negligently violates the law and, if successful, you can collect attorney's fees and court costs.

12. Not to have adverse information reported after seven years, except for bankruptcy, which may be reported for 14 years.

13. To be notified by a business that it is seeking information about you which would constitute an "Investigative Consumer Report."

14. To request from a business that ordered an investigative report, more information about the nature and scope of the investigation.

15. To discover the nature and substance (but not the source) of the information that was collected for an "Investigative Consumer Report."

### YOU HAVE THE RIGHT:

1. To be told the name and address of the consumer reporting agency that prepared a report that denied your credit.

2. To be told by the Consumer Reporting Agency the nature, substance and sources (except for investigative-type sources) of the information (except medical) collected about you.

3. To take anyone with you when you visit the consumer reporting agency to check on your file.

4. To obtain all information to which you are entitled, free of charge, when you have been denied credit, insurance, or employment within 30 days of your interview. Otherwise, the reporting agency is permitted to charge a reasonable fee for giving you the information.

5. To be told who has received a consumer report on you within the preceding six months, or within the preceding two years if the report was furnished for employment purposes.

6. To have incomplete or incorrect information re-investigated, unless the request is frivolous, and, if the information is found to be inaccurate or cannot be verified, to have such information removed from the file.

7. To have the agency notify those you name (at no cost to you) who have previously received the incorrect or incomplete information that this information has been deleted from your file.

### THE FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT DOES NOT:

1. Give you the right to request a report on yourself from a consumer reporting agency.

2. Give you the right, when you visit the agency, to receive a copy of or physically handle your file.

3. Compel anyone to do business with an individual consumer.

4. Apply when you request commercial (as distinguished from consumer) credit or business insurance.

5. Authorize any federal agency to intervene on behalf of an individual consumer.

For further information concerning the Fair Credit Reporting Act contact your D.C. Office of Consumer Affairs, 1401 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20005. Telephone: 629-2617, Hours 8:15 A.M. - 4:45 P.M.



## ONE MAN'S EFFORT

In the course of the question and answer period at the May Foggy Bottom Association meeting, we were surprised to find out that the strobe-light traffic signal, installed at 25th and K Streets, N.W., is a local (within our own D.C. government) invention. However, since the topic under discussion was neighborhood parking permits, and traffic signals were a bit off the subject, we decided to follow up on the story later, for the FBNews.

Upon contacting the Department of Highways and Traffic, we learned that our 25th and K traffic signal, composed of seven strobe light devices, represents a premier effort in the United States to further improve safety at signalized intersections.

The strobe light concept is a development of the D.C. Department of Highways and Traffic under the sole guidance of Thomas F. Rick. Tom is the chief traffic engineer of Detour Operations and, to put it bureaucratically, has a job description as remote as one could be from developing traffic signal components. Nevertheless, Tom in his continuing dedication over the past 15 years with the Department, gave unstintingly of his off-duty time and talent to bring this project to the point where it is now saving lives in our city.

Mike, Tom's teenage son, has been electronically inclined since he was a young child and, aware of his dad's desire to improve safety at high accident signalized locations, assisted Tom on weekends and in the wee hours of the morning in their basement workshop in developing the first effective strobe light unit

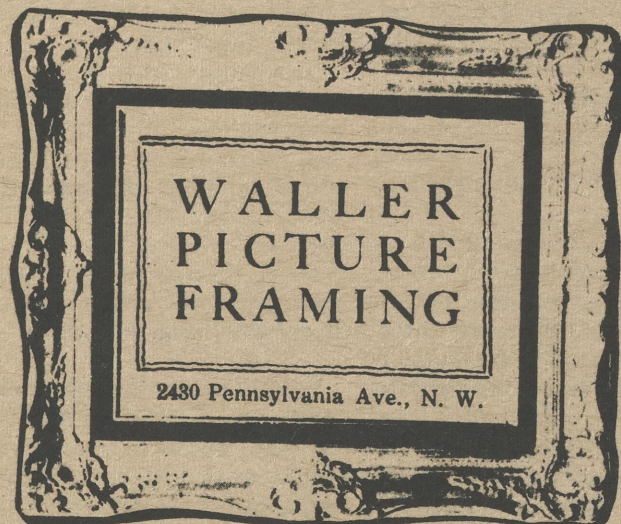
for incorporation into a traffic signal lens. When the concept was perfected, the first installation was made at the intersection of Bladensburg Road and H Street, N.E.—resulting in an immediate reduction of a previously severe accident pattern.

Washington, D.C. is unique in the use of strobe traffic signals as a result of a request by the U.S. Department of Transportation for our city to carry out full scale experimentation with Tom's device in order to determine if it would be equally effective in other cities across the nation. Under the present policy, locations with specific problems are equipped with strobe light units, each costing approximately \$200, in order to more effectively alert motorists to the red signal indication.

The 25th and K, N.W. installation represents the seventh location in the city where this principle has been applied. Its application at 25th and K Street, according to Departmental records, has definitely improved the traffic situation.

Department officials, therefore, have expressed great satisfaction as a result of its contribution to the traffic safety effort in the Nation's Capital and have extended their deep appreciation to Tom for his work—conducted on a purely voluntary basis toward making the city a safer one.

We are fortunate in Foggy Bottom to be a part of this successful "experiment," and would like to thank Tom (as in Edison?) for taking a "Detour" into the field of electronics.



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The ID card, for residents 16 years and older, will bear the resident's photograph in color and a home address, much the same as the present driver's permit.

"Application for or possession of the card is not required by law," said Joseph P. Murphy, director of DMV. "It is being furnished as a service to the City's non-driving residents." The card will be especially useful to senior citizens who do not have drivers licenses, Mr. Murphy added.

Under the law, the Police Department cannot request the ID card as a means of identification. However, it can be volunteered for identification purposes if he chooses, the Motor Vehicles Director said.

The IDs are available on a first come, first served basis at the Department of Motor Vehicles, Room 1000, 301 C Street, N.W. There is a fee of \$3.00 for four years and \$1.00 for a duplicate card for persons up to age 65. For those over 65, the cards are free.

Persons may apply for the cards from 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Mondays, 8:15 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, and from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on Saturdays. Individuals are asked to bring a copy of their birth certificate or some other identification with date of birth listed when applying.

The I.D. program is the result of legislation passed by the City Council last year and signed by Mayor Walter E. Washington last June.

For further information, call James Nance at 629-2222.

from D.C. Pipeline,  
May 1975

## CANCELLING CONTRACTS IN A HOME SOLICITATION SALE

When a door to door sale involves a contract over \$25 and is signed in your home a Federal Regulation permits you to cancel within 3 business days.

The salesman is required to give the buyer a copy of the contract or receipts with the date of sale, the salesman's name and address, and a statement informing the buyer of his rights to cancel within 3 business days.

In addition to the above information required by the salesman, he is required to give you a separate form which states "Notice of Cancellation" which contains, name and address of seller, date the sale is completed, a full explanation of your right to cancel, and the procedure you should follow.

If you wish to cancel you must do so within 3 business days. First sign and date the "Notice of Cancellation" form and return it to the seller. A special word of importance to

the consumer. You should send the letter by *certified mail* so that you will have a receipt to prove that you did send the notice on time.

The regulation states that the seller is required to return your money within 10 days, and if the merchandise is not picked up within 20 days, you can use it or dispose of it in any way you wish.

There are a few types of door to door sales that require special mention:

**Home Improvement—Door to Door Salesmen.**

Never have an individual or company perform work on your home without a contract. Don't rely on oral promises, have the salesman write it down or don't sign. Check with your local government to see if the contractor is licensed and if permits are required. Be cautious of companies that require advance payments, and always get at least three estimates from three different contractors (for further tips on hiring a Home Improvement Contractor contact D.C. Consumer Affairs Office at 629-2617).

### Magazines and Encyclopedias

When interested in this area you should base your decision on whether the magazine or encyclopedia is a good buy.

If you do decide to take the subscription ask for the salesperson's credentials, and be sure to get the name, and address and phone number of both the company and the salesperson.

Suspect those offers for "Free Inspections" furnaces, chimneys, roofs etc. Never sign a contract based on a single inspection.

Be aware. Watch for these warning signs:

1. Pressure to sign "Right Now." If in doubt don't sign.
2. An offer of something for nothing. In most cases you end up paying for it in the long run.
4. If a salesman offers you something, if you refer friends to him.

These are just a few warning signs, but remember what you sign today you may be paying for months or years to come.

If you should have any questions concerning Home Solicitation Sales please do not hesitate to contact the D.C. Office of Consumer Affairs 629-2617.

A good name, like good will, is made by many actions, and lost by one.



# AN APRIL WALK

After I purchased four paperbacks at the little bookshop in the Lincoln Memorial, I walked to the Potomac to get a close-up view of Memorial bridge. I couldn't determine whether it is constructed of stone or marble, but I could count its eleven spans, nine of them in the river and one on each shore-end for vehicular traffic.

As I walked alongside the river, I kept thinking of the bridges across the Seine in Paris, and their place, not only in the present life and past history of the city, but of their towering eminence in French literature as well. The bridges here in our own nation's capital occupy no such niche in our literature and affections.

It must have been low tide for I saw mud flats I'd never seen uncovered before. And so, under Roosevelt Bridge, steel in construction with six spans. I've been across it many times in the Gray Line buses bound to the race tracks in Charlestown, West Virginia, but never under it before.

Past Roosevelt Island on the Virginia side and Kennedy

Center on the D.C. bank to the stone paved, grilled railing, seat lined, willow shaded riverside promenade abreast Kennedy Center. It stands out in the aesthetic offerings of the District for me as the displays of fruits and vegetables in the old French market dominated the culture of New Orleans for Count Keyserling. It is my favorite area in all of Washington, our nearest approximation, evocative of spots on the upper Thames and the Seine.

Leaving that oasis behind, I came next to Rock Creek's entrance to the Potomac, an unsightly gash, an ugly embroidery, lying between a quaint boathouse on the north side and the impressive facades of Watergate and Kennedy Center to the south. No aesthetic imagination has been expended there.

Looking up the river one's sense of natural concinnity is further outraged by the most repugnant scene imaginable, and certainly the ugliest area on the river, the stretch of Georgetown riverfront from the foot of Virginia Avenue to Key Bridge.

A timely green light provided safe passage across the drive, but pedestrian traffic seemed an annoyance to the hurrying motorists, judging from the impatient grimaces on their faces.

Then past the Watergate complex, right in front of the site that toppled a roi and a vice-roi, up Virginia Avenue to Juarez's statue. I once boarded in a house in New Orleans said to have been his domicile during his exile there. And across the street to the grey brick apartment building on the corner of Virginia and New Hampshire.

It had been a two-hour perambulation on a cold, windy day of early April—said to be the windiest first week in April in the recollection of many longtime residents of Washington.

I reached our ninth floor apartment severely refrigerated and physically tired but sensuously invigorated. The comfortable haven awaiting me reminded me of lines from Hazlitt's "On Going On A Journey."—"It was on the 10th of April, 1798 that I sat down to a volume of the 'New Eloise'

in the Inn of Langollen, over a bottle of sherry and a cold chicken."

My goodly spouse doesn't care for cold chicken or hot either. We never have it, but I did sit down to a bottle of Sandeman's Amontillado sherry, a thick slice of Virginia ham and a piece of Kraft's cracker barrel cheese. Whereupon I ate, drank and reflected not upon the "New Eloise," but upon one of my paperback acquisitions from the Lincoln Memorial bookshop, a "Civil War Times Illustrated Album of the Assassination of Abraham Lincoln."

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## FOGGY DOINGS

FRAN and HARRY FRIEDMAN, former owners of Penn Beverage, are looking forward to seeing old friends at their new shop, the Etc., Etc. Gift Boutique. The card and gift shop, located on Washington Circle, opened this month. We welcome the Friedmans back to business in the Bottom.

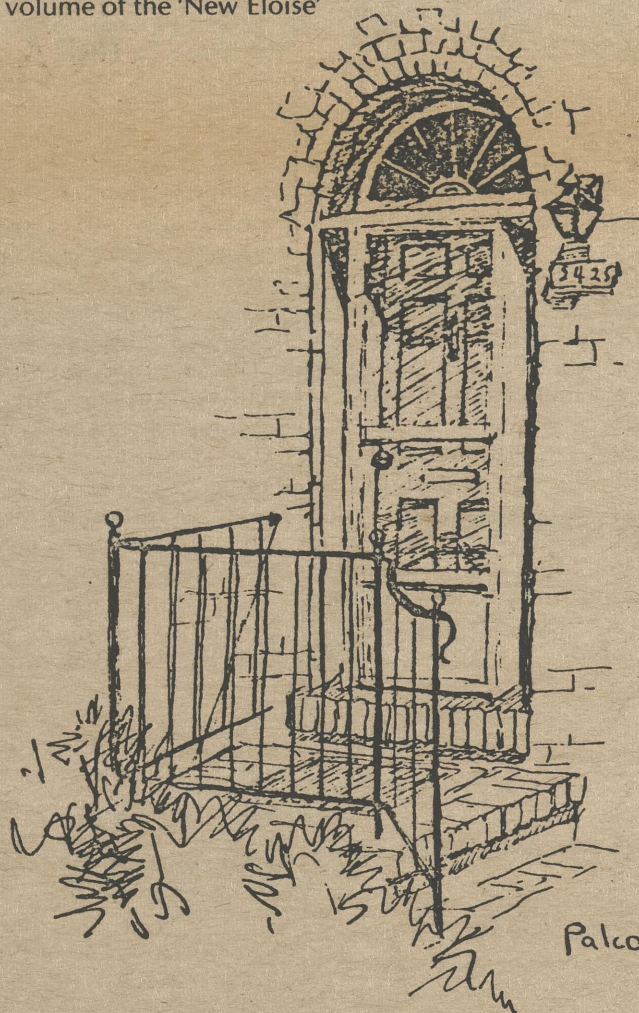
And welcome back to INEZ PULVER, who has returned to her home on Eye Street after a long absence on overseas assignments. Her homecoming was the occasion for a party at the newly remodeled home of her good neighbor, MORELLA HANSEN, who also spent a considerable amount of time away from her home while her house was transformed according to the imaginative design of George and Shirley Kennard, former residents of the Bottom.

Another "returnee" is DIRCK HOLSCHER who is now living on Eye Street with his bride Maureen. Before leaving the Bottom a while back, Dirck was very active in the production of the News, and we hope he will want to help out again.

New to the ranks of our busy retirees is RUFUS LISLE, who most recently was with Weaver Brothers, specializing in shopping center management. We understand one of his first projects is painting his study, no mean accomplishment since it is lined with bookshelves.

June 28 is the date picked by DAVE BERGWALL and KATHRYN HIGGINS for their wedding. They have rented a home on Eye Street, where Dave has been busy with painting and the like in preparation. They both formerly lived on New Hampshire Avenue, and their romance is another case of "boy meets girl while walking dog."

We will all miss Mrs. Minerva Gerhart, who has been resident manager of the "25" since it was built. We understand she has left for health reasons and at present is with her daughter, Donna, who is teaching music in Oklahoma. She was an especially good friend to the undersigned when I was one of her tenants, and I, and others, too, wish her the very best.



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# RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING PROGRAM

Increasing concern has been generated lately in response to the District's Residential Parking Program. This program was developed as a result of numerous citizens' complaints directed to Councilmember Jerry A. Moore and the Department of Highways and Traffic regarding inconveniences to District residents resulting from commuters using their neighborhoods as all-day parking lots. Jack Hartley, Assistant Director for the Highway Department, stated that the program is similar to programs used both in this country and abroad and has proved successful in eliminating commuter parking in residential areas.

Public hearings were held on the proposed regulation on June 6, 1974. After reviewing citizens input from the hearings, the regulation was revised and enacted by Mayor Washington on October 12, 1974. Subsequently, the Mayor has delegated his administrative responsibilities to the Director of the Department of Highways and Traffic. The delegated responsibilities include coordinating the activities of the agencies and departments for the District Government that have an active part in the administrative functions related to this program. They include the Metropolitan Police Department and the Department of Environmental Services and Motor Vehicles.

On May 15, 1974, Mayor Washington promulgated the objective criteria to be used in evaluating the need for restricted parking in a residential area. At the same time the Mayor invited written petitions to be submitted to the Office of the Secretariat. The criteria are as follows:

(1) During any period between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. weekdays, except holidays, the number of vehicles parked (or standing), legally or illegally, on the streets in the area is equal to 70% or more of the legal on-street parking capacity of the area. For purposes of this criterion, a legal parking space shall be 20 linear feet.

(2) During the same period as in Item 1 above, 10 % or more of the vehicles parked (or standing) on the streets in the area are not registered in the name of a person residing in this area. For purposes of this criterion, the latest available information from the Department of Motor Vehicles regarding registration of motor vehicles shall be used.

(3) Prior to an area being recommended as a residential permit parking area, the following factors must be considered:

(a) The clean air requirements of Federal and District air quality plans.

(b) The possibility of a reduction in vehicle miles traveled.

(c) The likelihood of alleviating traffic congestion, illegal parking, and related health and safety hazards.

(d) The proximity of public transportation.

(e) The desire and need of the area residents for residential permit parking and their willingness to bear the associated administrative costs.

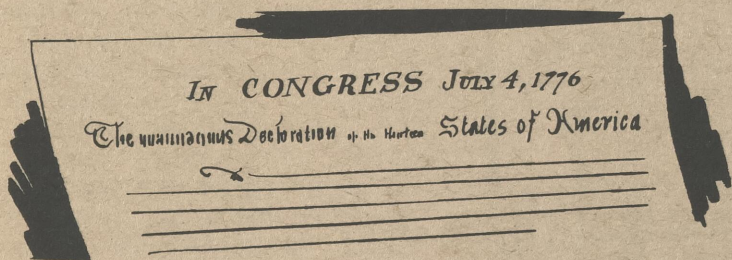
(f) The need for parking for periods in excess of two hours for business establishment and the general public for religious, health, or educational purposes; and

(g) The need for parking regulation to maintain the stability of neighborhoods.

Upon receipt of written petitions, the parking staff of the Department of Highways and Traffic will then verify and evaluate the petitions to determine whether the area petitioned meets the criteria. A schedule for public hearings will then be arranged. These hearings will be conducted by a hearing officer appointed by the Executive Secretary.

The Hearing Officer, upon completion of the hearings, will then prepare recommendations to the Mayor. The Mayor will then submit his recommendations by report to the City Council. If approved by the Council, the Department of Highways and Traffic will take such necessary steps to coordinate the activities of the other aforementioned departments and agencies to implement the permit program.

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## RULES OF DEBATE

by Mae Rapport  
CPS, Parliamentarian

Since my last article appeared in FOGGY BOTTOM NEWS, several of the questions were on debate, so let's start with that subject.

**DEBATE:** The right of every member of an assembly to be heard, and to participate fully in the discussion of any matter of business which comes before the assembly is one of the fundamental principles of parliamentary law. In order to insure each member a reasonable and equal opportunity, the rules of debate have to be regulated by rules of order. A knowledge of the rules that govern debate is therefore essential for every member to enable him or her to exercise his or her rights fully.

All motions (see the previous article on motions) can be classified into three groups, according to the extent of debate permitted on them:

1. Undebatable motions
2. Motions open to restricted debate
3. Motions open to full debate.

For example the motion to "lay on the table" (or postpone a motion temporarily) is one sample of an undebatable motion.

The motion to "refer to a committee," for example, may require some restricted discussion as to the advisability of the question's being referred to a committee, or about the personnel or powers of the committee, or the method of selection of the committee. Debate is limited strictly to these details, and CANNOT EXTEND to the merits of the main question (the motion which was under consideration when it was "referred to a committee.")

Motions open to full debate are those which may require unlimited discussion for their decision. A MAIN MOTION is a good example of a fully debatable motion.

**RULES OF DEBATE:** As soon as a motion has been stated to the assembly by the presiding officer, any member has a right to discuss it after "obtaining the floor." If the presiding officer does not know the member by name to recognize him or her, then the member should announce his name when rising to be recognized to "obtain the floor."

One of the most important principles of debate is that ALL discussion be relevant (germane) to the subject before the assembly. If a member should depart from the subject, he or she is out of order. If the chairman or presiding officer fails to interrupt the speaker who is irrelevant in his or her discussion, ANY member may rise to a point of order. (Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order.) and call attention to the chairman of the speaker's digression. The presiding officer or chairman must then direct the speaker to confine his or her discussion to the question (the motion) that is before the assembly.

An inquiry or suggestion is not "debate" and is not subject to the rules of limiting debate. Every member, before voting on ANY question, is entitled to know precisely what the question is, and what its effects will be. A member is entitled to have a question restated before voting, or at any time when there may be some uncertainty as to the question. This happens many times when many a-

mendments are made or substitute motions are called for, or many motions have been made and the member is not sure on WHICH question he is about to vote! Are we postponing that until next meeting? Are we voting to spend money on something? Are we....????

And most of the other questions put to me were on NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS. This is an appropriate time of year as so many elections come up in June and organizations or associations disband for the summer (except for the newly-elected officers whom have to meet and make plans for the next term!).

**NOMINATIONS** may be by ballot, by petition, by committee, by voice from the floor, or a combination of these. The time and method of nominations and elections should be provided in bylaws of the organization and must be strictly followed. Probably the method most used is by committee. This has the advantage of giving reasonable assurance that on the day of the election there will be at LEAST one nominee for each office, who has consented to serve if elected.

**ELECTION OF NOMINATION COMMITTEE** may be by the members or by the board, or a combination of the two. It should NEVER BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT.

Whenever possible the work of the committee on nominations should be done in a meeting, where the qualifications of suggested nominees may be considered objectively and always in the strictest confidence.

In order to be a nominee of the committee, a candidate must be the choice of at least a majority of the entire committee. A member of the committee MAY BE NOMINATED FOR OFFICE (unless the organization has a specific rule to the contrary, and we parliamentarians do not favor such a rule, as it immediately prevents anyone acting on a nomination committee from being considered—might be a good way to keep someone from attaining office!!!).

When the slate has been completed, the report should be signed by all members of the committee who agree with the report, but no one is obliged to sign a report with which he or she cannot agree.

The report of the Nominating Committee should be presented as outlined in your bylaws. The most democratic procedure provides that members know BEFORE the day of election who is to be nominated by the committee. There are variances for meetings of organizations, meetings held regularly, or for conventions, and it would be too lengthy a matter to go into at this time.

At the meeting, the chairman of the Nominating Committee makes its report, hands it to the president who thanks the committee, but *no action is taken on the report*. The President then calls for nominations from the floor, mentioning each office separately, e.g. "The nominating committee presents the name of Jane Doe for president. Are there other nominations?" Any member may rise, address the Chair, and say "I nominate John Blank." The President then repeats the nomination. nominations for an office, he

or she proceeds to the next office. When he has called for nominations for each office, he says: "Are there any further nominations?...hearing none, the Chair declares the nominations closed."

The President then informs the members of the time and place of the election, if it is to be at a later time. If the election is the next order of business, it should be so announced.

A nomination does NOT require a second, but a member MAY second a nomination as an expression of endorsement. (Some groups permit seconding speeches which extol the qualifications of the nominee, but unless some limitations are imposed, this can get very time-consuming).

If there is more than one nominee, the election should ALWAYS be by ballot. If there is only one nominee, the election may be by voice UNLESS THE BYLAWS specifically provide that election shall be by ballot.

Nominations may be closed by motion from the floor, but such a motion is not in order and should not be recognized by the Chair until a reasonable time has been allowed for nominations. A 2/3 vote is required to close nominations.

I believe this covers quite a lot of ground and there is so much more on the subject of NOMINATIONS and ELECTIONS I have left unanswered. Maybe another time. Have a good summer. And remember, parliamentary procedure is just plain old common sense with four underlying principles—courtesy and justice, the rights of the minority, and the will of the majority, and ONE THING AT A TIME!!!

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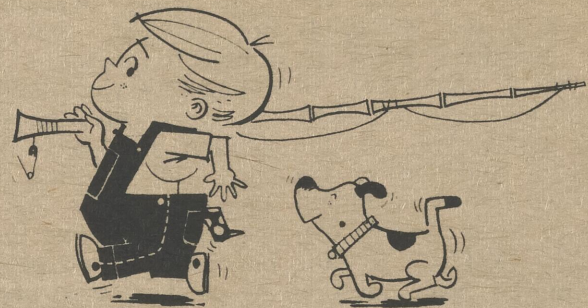
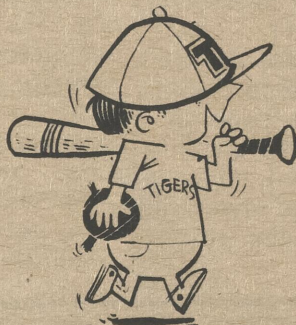
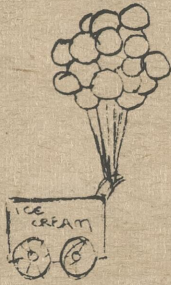
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### PETITION

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It is our understanding that the residents will bear the administrative costs of the program and this fee and other aspects of the program will be discussed at a public hearing held for each affected area prior to the implementation.

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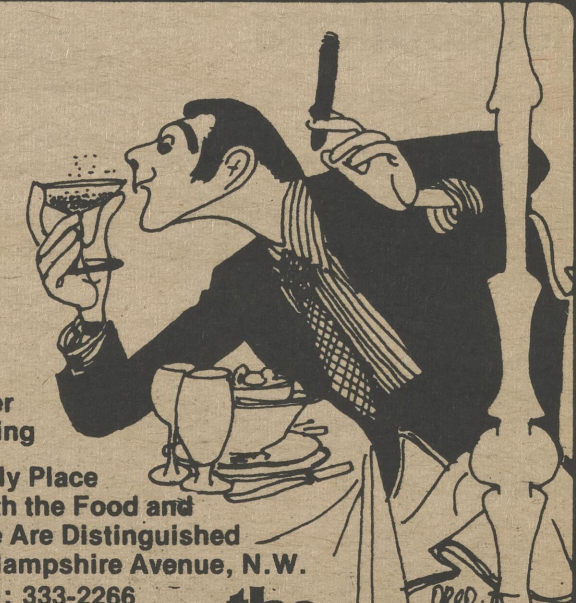
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